

SKIES CLEARING IN 'PLANE LAW WAR'

Wright Co. to Let \$1,000,000
Concern Build Machines
Under Patents.

\$75,000 A YEAR
CHARGE FOR PRIVILEGE

Corporation Now Working on Six
Big Dirigibles—Will License
Other Manufacturers.

Within a short time, it was learned yesterday, a contract will be signed by the Wright Company granting the Connecticut Aircraft Company, of New Haven, the right to manufacture aeroplanes under the Wright patents. Negotiations have progressed to a point where the settlement of a few minor details is all that remains to be done.

Under the proposed agreement the Connecticut Aircraft Company will be privileged to license other manufacturers, and the effect of the deal, therefore, will be to lift the clouds of doubt which have hung over the industry since the final court decision in favor of the Wright Company.

It was stated on indisputable authority last night that the policy of the Connecticut concern would be to license all responsible manufacturers who would abide by the company's terms.

In return for the license, it is understood that the Connecticut Aircraft Company must pay a minimum of \$75,000 a year in royalties, at the rate of \$1,000 for each machine built. In turn, it will issue manufacturers' licenses at the same rate. There will be no profit in this, but it will reduce the liability of \$75,000 by whatever amounts other builders pay. Fees for exhibition would probably will be handled on the same basis as arranged by the Wright Company.

It is understood that the inventors will engage to protect their patents and to enforce the collection of back royalties now due. Whether the Connecticut concern will be restricted in granting licenses to those builders who have a clean state in the matter of back royalties has not been announced definitely.

The Connecticut Aircraft Company was organized to construct dirigible balloons and aeroplanes. At its head are a number of substantial New Haven business men, and the company is capitalized at \$1,000,000, of which, it is said, \$300,000 already has been paid in. Among the properties owned by the company are a five story factory building at New Haven and the College Park Aviation Field, just outside of Washington.

The directors include Colonel Isaac Ullman, Everard Thompson, Samuel C. Morehouse and ex-Governor Woodruff of Connecticut. Captain Thomas S. Baldwin is chief constructor. Already the building of six dirigible balloons is under way, and after the contract with the Wright Company is signed it is expected that the manufacture of aeroplanes will be pushed with vigor.

The feature of the transaction between the two companies which appeals most to the aeroplanes builders is the fact that they now have something to base their plans upon and will know what to expect. The methods pursued by the Connecticut company will have a far-reaching effect on the future of aviation in this country, and the pending transaction is regarded as the most important since the beginning of the patent litigation.

WITHDRAWS \$10,000 PRIZE FOR FLIGHT

Aeronautical Society Won't Hold
Race Around New York
City.

It was announced by the Aeronautical Society yesterday that the \$10,000 prize money which had been offered for an aeroplane race around New York City on Memorial Day had been withdrawn. The attitude of the Wright Company in withdrawing the prize made it impossible to proceed with the arrangements.

Glenn H. Curtiss and Lieutenant Porte have been in Washington for several days in the interests of the Wanamaker transatlantic flight. Lieutenant Porte stopped over at Philadelphia last night and delivered an address to the Aero Club of Pennsylvania, while Curtiss came to New York.

At the Aero Club of America last night Curtiss said that he was here to discuss plans with Rodman Wanamaker. The big flyer, he said, is beginning to look like a boat, and while he would not set a date for a trial, it was evident that the machine will be ready within a short time.

Louis A. Fenouillet will give a demonstration of a 29-foot glider Governor's Island on Sunday afternoon for the benefit of General Robert K. Evans. The glider really is a many-carried kite, from which observations may be taken. Fenouillet will do some experimenting at Oakwood Heights on May 10.

SHOT DIMS 'ROOKIE'S' CHANCE FOR GLORY

New Policeman Almost Arrests
Pickpocket, but Keeps
His Pay Check.

Patrolman William E. Jackson, a "rookie" recently assigned to the West 8th St. police station, almost caught a gang of pickpockets yesterday. At the last minute he shot himself in the hand instead.

Jackson had reported to the station house on his day off to get his pay check. Patrolman feelings filled his breast when the city's chest rested, and despite the fact that it was his day off he resolved to distinguish himself when he saw three men jostling another man in the subway.

All four got out of Longacre Square, and the young policeman followed them. When he reached the street the jostled man had disappeared, and to an older officer the chance of a conviction might seem to have vanished with him.

Patrolman Jackson followed one of the three four or five blocks, and when he halted him at 40th St. and Seventh Ave., demanded his surrender. The young man appeared dumfounded and reached for his breast pocket as if seeking a revolver or a card case. Patrolman Jackson reached for his hip pocket and the young man ran.

Somehow or other Jackson's new automatic pistol did not work just right, and intending to fire in the air, he put a bullet through his own left hand.

SHARE FOR GAYNOR ESTATE

Ziegler Executors Directed to
Pay Over Part of \$87,000.

Surrogate Cochran signed an order yesterday directing that the estate of William J. Gaynor receive a further share from the estate of William Ziegler, the baking powder manufacturer, of which Mayor Gaynor was one of the executors.

Objections had been made to the further payment of commissions on the ground that Mr. Gaynor died prior to the distribution of the estate of Mr. Ziegler. Cochran decided that Mr. Gaynor's estate was entitled to a share of the money, amounting to about \$87,000, to be distributed. The other executors are Mrs. E. Matilda Ziegler, widow of William Ziegler, and William S. Champ. Commissions were also paid to Mr. Gaynor during his lifetime.

GERMAN AERONAUTS FAIL

Three Who Landed in Russia
Accused of Espionage.

Berlin, May 1.—It is announced here that Hans Berliner, the German aeronaut who was made a prisoner at Kirgischansk, Russia, last February when he came to earth at the end of a balloon trip from Bitterfeld, Germany, and the two passengers who accompanied him have been sentenced by the Russian authorities to six months' solitary confinement.

Kirgischansk is in the Ural Mountains. The aeronauts landed there after a balloon voyage of forty-seven hours, in which they made a distance record of 1,200 miles. The Russian authorities took the travellers into custody on suspicion of espionage.

BANKRUPTCY ADDED TO COMEDIAN'S WOE

Nat Wills Says He Owes \$17,540
—Blames Wife, Whom He Sued
After House Burned.

Nat Wills, known to the vaudeville stage as "The Happy Tramp," whose house was burned last January five days before he sued his wife for annulment of their marriage, filed a petition in bankruptcy in the Federal District Court yesterday.

He said his liabilities were \$17,540 and his assets \$200, including three suits of clothes, an overcoat and some underwear. His liabilities include \$270 for shoes, \$750 loaned to him by his wife, \$450 to the firm of Sheppard Knapp & Co., and several large bills to modest theatres. The actor's lawyers say that his troubles are all due to his wife. They say that "Nat" has been paying her \$150 a week, but that in spite of this she got him into debt to the tune of \$200,000.

Mrs. Wills, on the other hand, says most of "Nat's" liabilities were contracted at his direction to furnish their home, 47 West 57th St., which was burned out January 14. She says she did everything to get him out of debt, even to going on the vaudeville circuit at \$100 a week, out of which she saved \$10,000.

"Nat's" real name is Louis McGrath Wills, and his wife, Mrs. Heloise Wills, is "La Belle Tiltcomb," a Parisian actress who came here from London in 1910. "Nat" married her soon after her arrival, and they lived happily until he discovered that "La Belle" had married Herman L. Roth in Chicago ten days after her divorce from Wills. Wills sued for \$25,000 in damages. She said her husband was getting \$1,000 a week at the time. Justice Bijur awarded her \$125 a week.

YONKERS GIRL TO WED ENGLISHMAN

Miss Hazel Brown and Captain
Shott Announce Their
Engagement.

News of the engagement of Miss Hazel Brown, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Brown, of 245 North Broadway, Yonkers, to Captain Henry Hammond Shott, of the Royal Berkshire Regiment of England, as announced in a dispatch from London yesterday, came as a surprise to her friends.

Miss Brown is a native of Yonkers. Since she was graduated from Miss M. S. school at Tarrytown she has spent much time travelling. While abroad she met her fiancé. She is now in London with her father, a Manhattan broker and former treasurer of the Alexander Smith & Sons Carpet Company, of Yonkers.

Captain Shott distinguished himself in battle in South Africa and emerged as a captain. For his gallantry he received the D. S. O., the Queen's medal and the King's medal. No date has been set yet for the wedding.

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SAYS MARTIN DIED OWING FORTUNE

Executor Denies Charges
of Fraud Made by Dead
Merchant's Niece.

CLAIMS SWEEPED AWAY
ESTATE, IT IS SAID

More than \$1,000,000 Was Owed
—Answer Allegations of
Undue Influence.

Charges of fraud made in connection with the execution of the will of William R. H. Martin, who was formerly a member of the firm of Rogers Peet Company, and in the distribution of his estate were denied yesterday by Edwin Trowbridge Hall, one of the executors of the estate. In his answer filed in the Supreme Court to the suit brought by Mrs. Elsie Kumble Martin Smith, a niece of Mr. Martin, to set aside the will.

Mr. Hall asserted in his answer that the merchant did not have a large estate at his death, as alleged by his niece, and that the estate was insolvent.

According to the complaint of Mrs. Smith, the will of her uncle disposed of property valued at more than \$1,000,000, including the Hotel Martinique and the Marbridge Building.

Mr. Martin died January 30, 1912. Mrs. Smith had lived for many years in the home of her uncle. She said that her grandfather, John T. Martin, left her uncle a fortune of more than \$1,000,000. No provision for Mrs. Smith was made in the last will of her uncle. It is alleged by her, however, that between 1907 and 1911 Mr. Martin made several wills, in which he left her amounts ranging from \$7,000 to \$100,000.

The niece alleged that Mr. Martin was of unsound mind for four months before the execution of the will admitted to probate, and was under undue influence. The defendants in the suit, besides Mr. Hall, are Mrs. Elizabeth B. T. Martin, widow of the merchant, and his son, Lucius Trowbridge Martin.

Mr. Hall denied yesterday all the allegations of Mrs. Smith. The executor averred that Mr. Martin did not possess property valued at \$1,000,000, and at the time of his death he owed large sums of money to individuals and corporations. The indebtedness amounting to more than \$1,000,000. This was in addition to large mortgages existing on his valuable real estate.

Mr. Hall denied that Mr. Martin had any capital invested in Rogers Peet Company at the time of his death. The allegations of undue influence and that Mr. Martin was of unsound mind were also denied.

COLLINS MUST FACE TEACHER'S CHARGE

Whitman to Seek Extradition in
Fraud Case, Involving
\$220.

[By Telegram to The Tribune.]
Elizabeth N. J. May L.-Miss Betty Lauterbach, teacher of modern languages in the Cranford High School, visited District Attorney Whitman of New York last night for the purpose of pressing her charge of fraud against Captain Charles Glenn Collins.

The former English officer was acquitted in Baltimore on Wednesday on a charge of defrauding the cashier of the Maryland Trust Company of that city out of \$25. Miss Lauterbach testified against Captain Collins. Assistant District Attorney Minton told Miss Lauterbach that Collins would be extradited and brought to trial.

When Collins's declaration to face her charge, involving \$220, was read to her Miss Lauterbach smiled.

"I think that is true," she said. "He will face the charges in New York as soon as possible as soon as it is possible for the District Attorney's men to locate him. The District Attorney tells me I have a clear case against him, and I know it is much stronger than the one just tried in Baltimore."

Prison Mass Meeting in Church.
Professor George Washington Kirchwey, of Columbia, Thomas Mott Osborne and others interested in prison reform will speak at a mass meeting Wednesday night in the Church of the Pilgrims, 109 Remsen St., Brooklyn. The topic will deal with prisons and prison labor. Adolph Lewisohn, chairman of the executive committee of the National Committee on Prison Labor, under whose auspices the meeting will be held, will preside.

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LAW A RIDDLE TO SPHINX

Promoters of Egyptian Secret
Convicted as Swindlers.

Charles Uebelmeier, of Bay Side, Long Island, and William Wenderhold, of 57 West 35th St., were convicted in General Sessions yesterday of swindling in connection with the American Transporel Company, of 50 Church St. The principal witness for the prosecution was Harold Woodenden, of 408 2d St., Brooklyn.

The American Transporel Company was supposedly the possessor of a secret formula, discovered hidden under a sphinx in Egypt, that would make all wood and metal work shine like new. Among those who were induced to invest was J. Walter Thompson, a member of the Harvard Club and a prominent business man, who was elected president of the company.

Woodenden said he was led to invest \$500 by promises of being made sales manager. When he reported for work he found that the company's offices, the salary that had been promised was not forthcoming and Woodenden became suspicious when he saw the vice-president of the company, and Woodenden was brought to the attention of the District Attorney.

Uebelmeier and Wenderhold will be sentenced Monday.

SHOT AS HE SEES SLAYER AIM GUN

Brooklyn Importer Dies in Hos-
pital After Attack in
Street.

A block away from his home, 71 Atlantic Ave., Brooklyn, Vito Carraro, olive oil importer, turned last night to see a man with a double-barrelled shotgun aiming at him. Before he could shoot the man fired, and ten minutes later Carraro was dead.

Patrolman Malone, of the West 68th St. station, who was at supper in his home, 71 Pacific St., Brooklyn, heard the report and rushed to the window just in time to see a man running into the doorway of 71 Pacific St. Malone blew his police whistle and hurried out.

In the hallway of No. 71 he found an Italian crouching behind a doorway. He arrested him and led him to the street, where the shotgun lay. The Italian, who gave his name as John Josie, said he did not hear any shot and did not know Carraro had been murdered until he saw the body.

Patrolmen coming from all directions picked up two more Italians, Leo Largio and Salvatore Trivisani and locked them up as witnesses.

The shooting occurred near the Long Island College Hospital. Dr. Tepp and several assistants with a stretcher carried the wounded man back to the operating table, but he died before any thing could be done for him.

Carraro's wife denied her husband had been threatened by the Black Hand.

DIVA AGAIN HIGH BIDDER

Mary Garden Gives Top Price
for Mantel Clock.

Mary Garden was the highest bidder yesterday at the final session of the Crawford sale at the American Art Galleries. She purchased a satinwood balloon-shaped mantel clock, decorated with Wedgwood panels and roses in natural colors. She gave \$140—the top price for the session—for this antique timepiece, which was in the Adam style, and made by Rider, of London.

H. H. Kohl, Jr., gave \$125 for a Louis XV mantel furniture, consisting of a clock and two side ornaments in bronze, gilt ormolu and white marble. The clock is supported by two female figures, representing art and literature. The same buyer paid \$100 for an Empire style French mantel furniture, consisting of a clock and ornaments in marble and ormolu. The set is a replica of one in the Chateau de Maintenant. For a pair of French porphyry vases, with gilt lining, Peter Lockett gave \$100, and for an unusual black lacquer bracket clock, made by Edwards, of London, J. Ormonde paid \$120. The total of the session was \$6,275, making the total for the entire sale \$39,122.

Child Life Woes Shown.
An exhibit prepared by the National Child Labor Committee, which will be on view at the East 83rd St. branch of the Public Library until May 5, shows that the prize baby that survives the perils of infancy has small chance of becoming a prize citizen if he is allowed to work in the streets, or in his tenement house.

The exhibit was brought to the library by the Kips Bay Neighborhood Association. Last evening a meeting was held at the library, with an address on "The High Cost of Child Labor," by Harry M. Freeman.

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That the motion will be contested goes without saying. Hitherto the courts have held uniformly that out of the nearly three million persons in Manhattan it should be possible to secure twelve men who are not unduly prejudiced.

The authorities are convinced that Capadonna was the prime mover in the perjury plot and that he acted for influential persons higher up. They believe that some sinister influence in the underworld, through which he thinks his life would be in danger, is keeping him from making a full confession.

The decision to file such a motion is interpreted as meaning that the men have decided no settlement short of pleading guilty to a felony charge can be had with the District Attorney, and that they have decided to fight every step of the way. Whether it means that all chances of the depositors receiving any additional compensation through friends and relatives of the indicted man could not be learned last night.

It is because of the large number of depositors—some fifteen thousand—and their relatives that the defendants believe they cannot get a fair trial here. Directly, it is argued, seventy-five to one hundred thousand persons are interested, and with this number in the community demanding that the men be sent away, they think a fair trial is impossible.

The motion for a change will be made, in all probability, before Judge Blanchard. In the event of his refusing to grant it and the defendants exercising their right to appeal, no delay in the trial is to be expected, as under the rules such motions have a preference and can be decided in the month that must elapse before the Becker case is out of the way and Mr. Whitman's office free for the prosecution of Siegel and Vogel.

REMOVED, ENDS LIFE

Man Who Wrongfully Accused
Friend Hangs Himself.

Remorse because he had wrongly accused his friend of stealing a bag containing \$30 in gold drove John Vasco to commit suicide yesterday by hanging himself in the bathroom of his home at 377 East 64th St.

While John Becker, of 508 East 74th St., was in the Tomba protesting his innocence Mrs. Vasco found the bag behind a trunk. The complainant then obtained his friend's release and split the contents of the bag with him. This, apparently, he did not consider sufficient reparation, and before he hanged himself he slashed his abdomen with a razor.

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CENTRAL FILES MORTGAGES

Bronx County Gets \$90,000 in
Fees from Transaction.

The New York Central & Hudson River Railroad Company filed yesterday in the office of the Register of the Bronx two mortgages on their own properties, consisting of \$7,765 folios, one of which was described as a "consolidation mortgage," in the amount of \$157,000,000, with the Bankers' Trust Company as trustee, and the other described as a "refunding and improvement mortgage," in the amount of \$237,211,000, with the Guarantee Trust Company as trustee. Register Edward Polak, in discussing the two mortgages.

"The approximate fee to be received by Bronx County from the New York Central for the filing of the mortgages will be \$90,000 on the 'consolidation mortgage' and \$20,000 on the 'refunding and improvement mortgage.' The reason of the smaller fee for the latter mortgage is due to the fact that only \$40,000,000 of the total has been so far advanced by the Guarantee Trust Company."

NEAR REAL STORY IN "PERJURY PLOT"

Fear of Death Keeps Witness for
Gunmen Silent—Mother
Pleads with Him.

Assistant District Attorney Groehl, who is one of Mr. Whitman's active workers on the Becker case, is close to the solution of an extensive "perjury plot," which began with the witnesses who bore false testimony at the last hearing for the four gunmen before Justice Goff and probably would have run on down through the second Becker trial if the gunmen's final appeal had not been denied.

The recent confessions of perjury of the witnesses Dressner and Burwell is merely incidental to the important ramifications of the plot, Mr. Groehl said yesterday, and the real story of the influences at work back of them is expected to come out in the next day or two.

Mr. Groehl and Detective Thomas Maxwell had another day's session yesterday with Burwell and his companion, Louis Capadonna. Burwell, it is understood, has turned state's evidence. He has implicated several persons as parties to the plot who were instrumental in working for the gunmen's interests, and incidentally to help the cause of Becker.

Capadonna is still holding back the whole truth. His mother was brought to the District Attorney's office from Waterbury, Conn., and she made an hysterical plea with her son to tell all.

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